

HUMAN SERVICES PATHWAYS CASE STUDIES.

Divide students into groups of two-four. Have each group read their case study. With the guided case studies, ask students to list the steps in decision making, and to place their responses by each step. Have the groups describe their problem to the class and walk through the case study step by step. Discuss what factors impacted the choices the groups made. How did the options and decision reflect the values of the group? If different people had been part of the group, would the decisions/solutions have been the same? Did factors such as sex, ethnicity, where you live, and religious beliefs impact the decision? I

1. A family is at a funeral home, and different family members have differing points
Options available include:
Embalming with an open casket, embalming with a closed casket or cremate. How would You help the family decide?
2. You are a wedding planner, trying to help an indecisive bride. Her mother, future mother-in-law, and the groom all have different ideas about where the wedding should be held and who should officiate. How do you help solve this problem?
3. You are worker at Social Services- specializing in older adults. Members of the community have contacted you regarding an elderly widower who suffers from Alzheimers. He has been asking people for rides home from Main Street and does not remember where he lives. The elderly man no longer has a driver's license and cannot drive. The gentleman has a son who lives in the community and one son who lives out of state. Can you help the family explore options for their father?
4. You are a preschool director. A teacher has come to you and told you that she thinks a student in her classroom has headline. What will you do?
5. Two elementary students have been having a difficult time getting along with each other. One of them is in the second grade and the other is a third grader. Today they were in a fist fight on the playground. Can you help them resolve their differences?